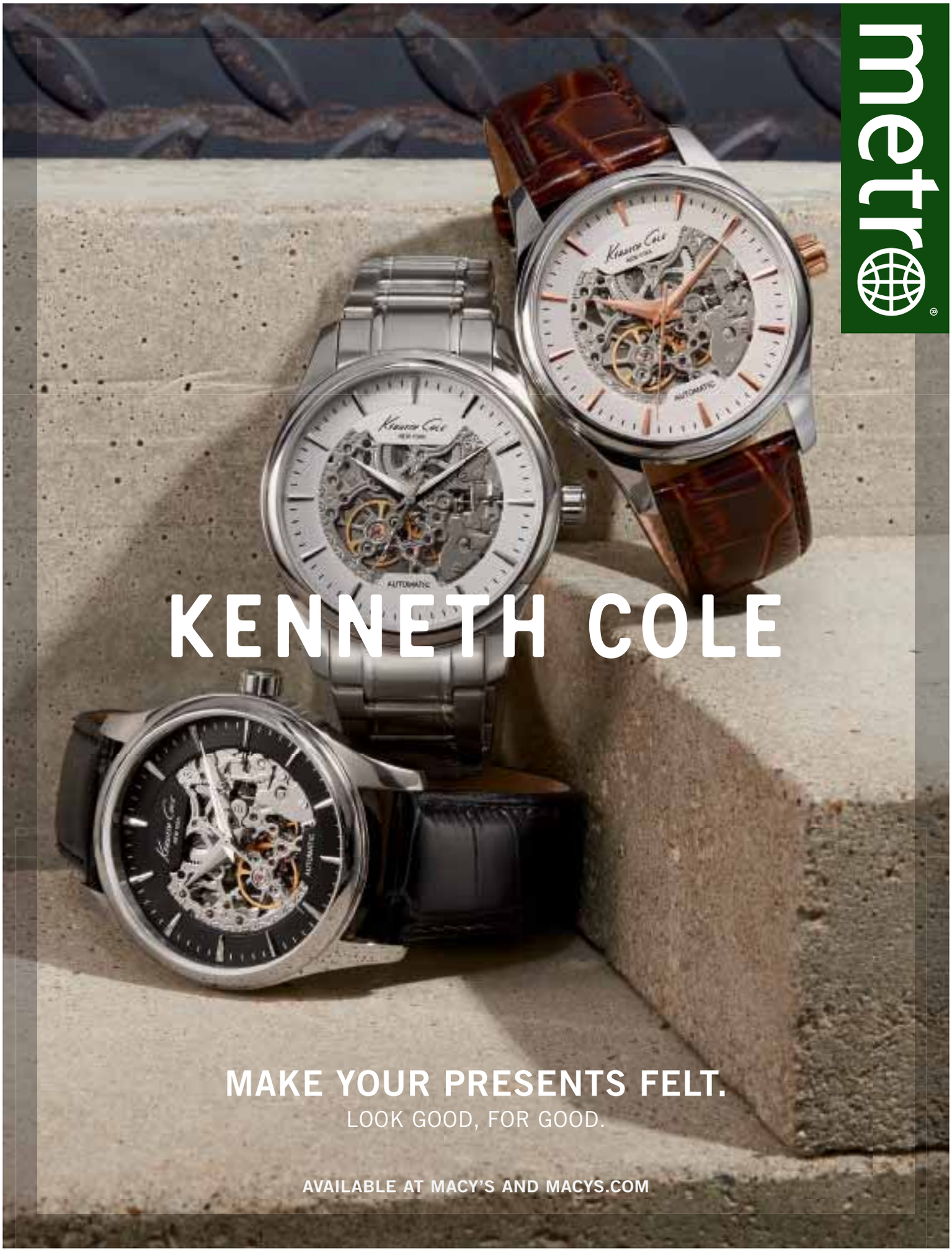
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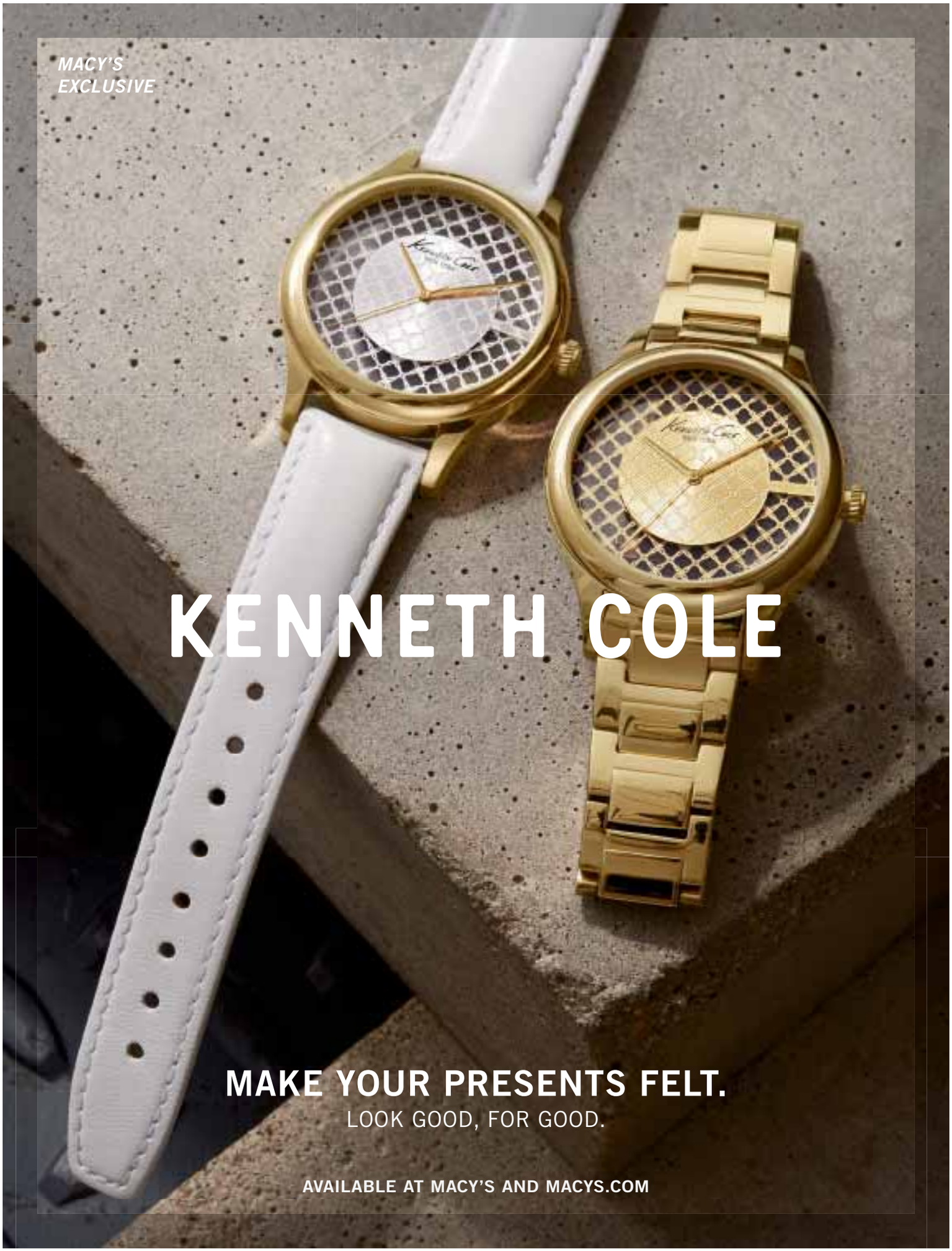
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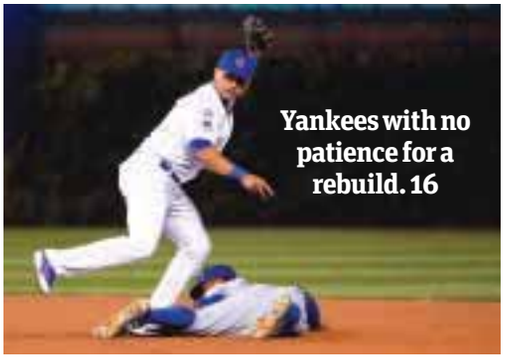

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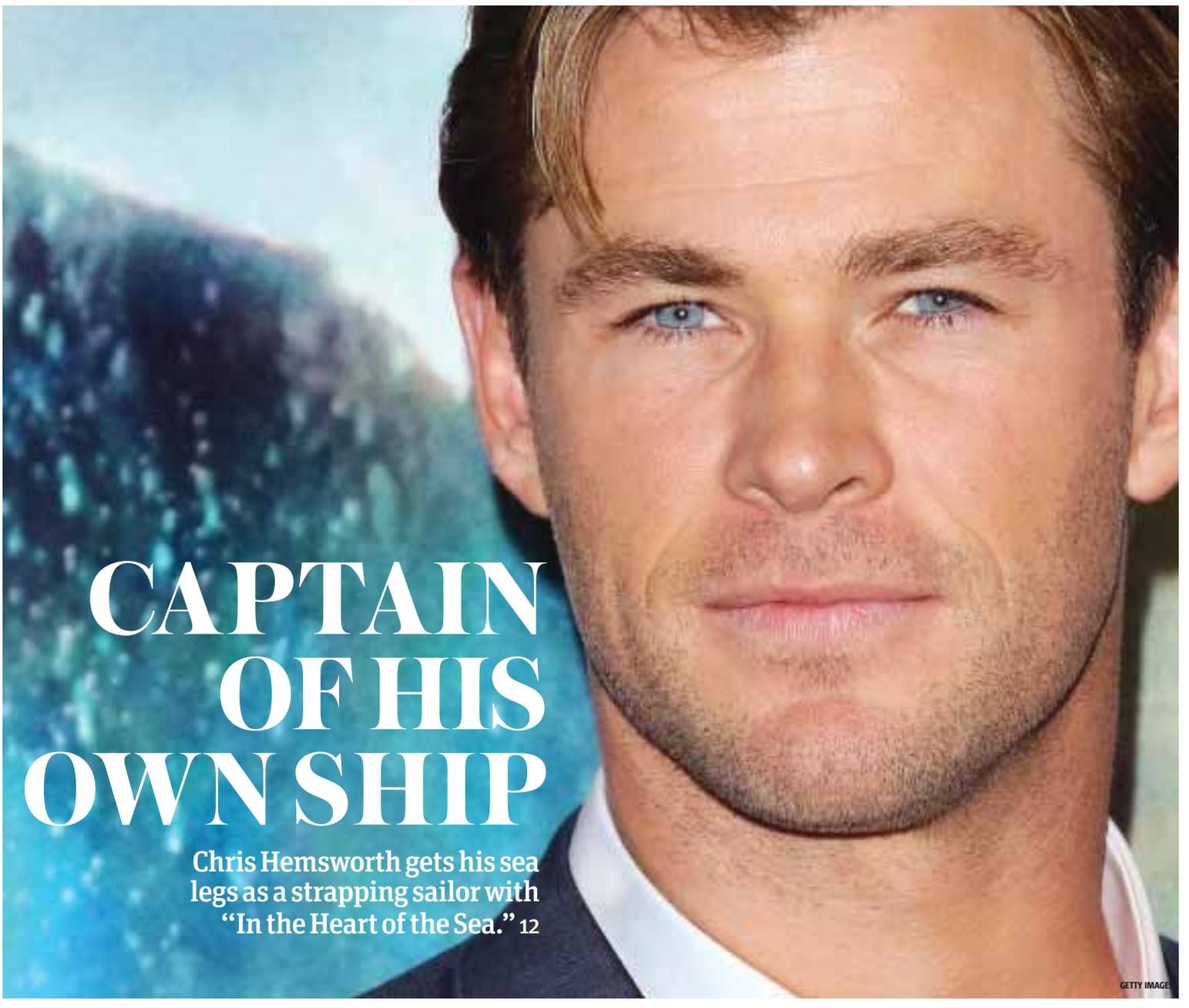

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1 Residents of the Pacific Northwest were hit by fresh storms Thursday after the region received record-breaking rainfall that left two dead in Oregon and triggered widespread flooding, landslides, road closures and power cuts. Periods of heavy rain and fierce winds will continue across the Pacific Northwest and down into northern California. REUTERS

MUSLIM OFFICE THREAT

2 The U.S. Muslim advocacy group Council on American-Islamic Relations said Thursday its Capitol Hill office was evacuated by police after a foreign substance was received in the mail. The office received an envelope containing a note that read, "Die a painful death, Muslims," and a white powder, according to CAIR staff attorney Maha Sayed. "Our fear is at a pretty high level at this time, given the anti-Muslim rhetoric going on," said Sayed. REUTERS

GUNS IN CLASSROOMS

3 A University of Texas advisory committee has reluctantly recommended allowing handguns in classrooms when a state law goes into effect Aug. 1, 2016. The state's "campus carry" law allows people 21 and older with a concealed handgun license to carry handguns in classrooms. REUTERS

PROTEST FOR SAFER WORK CONDITIONS

7 Construction workers carry empty caskets representing workers killed on construction sites during a rally in lower Manhattan to demand a safer workplace on Thursday. Thousands of workers, clergy, public officials and advocates attended the rally, which ended at City Hall and demanded new measures to protect workers in the building trade in Manhattan. In 2015, 16 workers died while on the job at construction sites throughout New York City.

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DE BLASIO SURGERY

4 Mayor Bill de Blasio will undergo surgery on Friday, City Hall officials announced late Thursday. A spokeswoman for the mayor said in a written statement that de Blasio recently developed a hernia, and would not be conducting official business on Friday. Following the surgery, the mayor is expected to rest through the weekend and will be back at City Hall on Monday. REUTERS

TRUMP DUMPED IN DUBAI

5 A Dubai real estate firm building a $6 billion golf complex with Donald Trump on Thursday stripped the property of his name and image amid a backlash over the presidential candidate's proposal to ban all Muslims from entering the United States. Trump triggered an international uproar when he made his comments in response to last week's deadly shootings in California by two Muslims who authorities said were radicalized. DAMAC Properties initially had said it would stand by Trump. REUTERS

DIPLOMAT'S SON CHARGED

6 A Pakistani diplomat's son has been charged after allegedly having sex with a 13-year-old girl and sexually abusing her friend, also 13, in a Bronx motel room. Mehmood Rahimoon, 20, reportedly met a girl on social media before arranging a room at The River Road Motor Inn on Dec. 1, sources said in a New York Post article. METRO

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NYC turns toward civic-centered tech

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The city takes top spot as international hub for innovation and disruption for technology companies.

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Georges Clement didn't think he would end up working in technology. The 25-year-old Bronx native opted for sociology and African studies over computer science when he went to college.

As a product manager, however, he makes up one half of a team that won $25,000 to further develop an app designed to help New Yorkers maintain and improve their quality of life.

> *"That's something that's really inspired our work — building products to serve those who have typically been undeserved by technology."*
>
> Clement

Along with developer Dan Kass, the two have been working to launch JustFix.nyc, a Web-based mobile app created to empower renters vulnerable to negligent landlords and in need of repairs to their homes by walking them through proper documentation and filing procedures.

The app is a part of a growing movement in New York City to flip the script on the relationship between the private tech sector and local government, and one boosted by a recent report naming the city as an international leader in encouraging tech-powered entrepreneurship.

The City Initiatives for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship — or CITIE — report gave New York City the top spot among 40 cities worldwide considered as hubs for disruption and ingenuity.

New York — with its estimated 117,000 jobs according to numbers crunched by local think tank the Center for an Urban Future — landed ahead of London, Helsinki, Barcelona and Amsterdam in most of the measures. Those variables included the city's public access to big data, investment in tech skills and promotion of the local tech business community.

Clement credited New York's spirit of diversity as playing a vital role in making sure he and others like him feel like they have a part in the city's booming tech sector and its engagement with local communities.

"It's important that it's not just the 1 percent from Silicon Valley that's developing products," he said. "And that's something that's really inspired our work — building products to serve those who have typically been underserved by technology."

JustFix.nyc was one of seven projects to win the 2015 NYC BigApps competition earlier this month, and hopes to launch to residents across the five boroughs after some early beta testing with residents and local legal resources in neighborhoods including Brownsville, Red Hook, Crown Heights and Harlem.

It's because of the New York City government's willingness to share data and with the cooperation of community organizations, Clement said, that projects like JustFix.nyc can come about.

"It really just makes it easier in order to build products that actually serve the residents and move the needle to make public services more accessible," he said.

Not all tech companies in New York are built alike. Embattled startups like Airbnb and Uber have butted heads with City Hall over local that the companies don't face in other municipalities around the world, such as taxi or housing regulations.

"But lots of cities are grappling with this problem," said Maria Torres-Springer, president of the New York City Economic Development Corporation. "We're all trying to make sure we can strike the right balance between public safety and responsible government while also promoting innovation and disruption."

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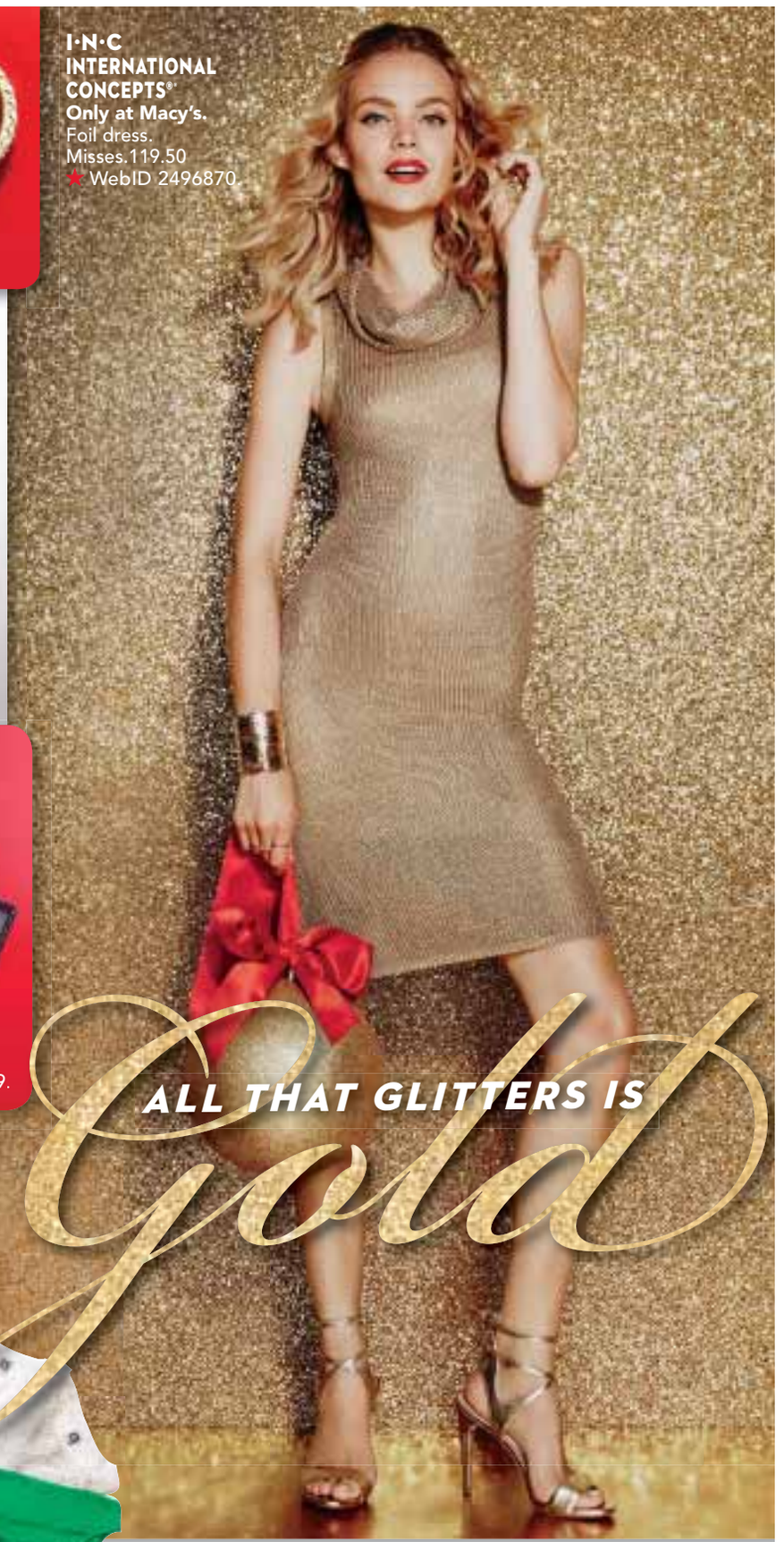

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Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive. We are now asking readers to contribute what they can to Tony's Metro Magic.

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Pushback on biz red tape

A public meeting in Manhattan on Thursday was the last in a series organized by Comptroller Scott Stringer.

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Eunice Lee is a second-generation small-business owner in New York, but she said constantly struggles with the realities and risks of being an entrepreneur in Manhattan.

And there's one question she said she always dreads: "What will happen next when you re-sign a lease?" Lee asked.

Lee was one of dozens of business owners who gathered in Manhattan to publicly unload on local leaders about the challenges they constantly face in making sure they can keep the doors to their storefronts open.

Lee opened men's clothing boutique Unis in Manhattan's SoHo 15 years ago. It can still be a "total struggle," she told Metro New York.

The exact definition of a small business in New York City varies, but the estimated 242,000 businesses with 50 or fewer employees all face many of the same problems, said Comptroller Scott Stringer.

"We need to take a sledgehammer to bureaucracy and say, "How can we be much more forward thinking, much more protective of this critical city asset [that are] our small businesses,'" Stringer said Thursday.

Stringer organized the public meeting, the last in a series of five of their kind across every borough, to take the temperature of small businesses and the red tape they face from city agencies.

Not enough time is actually being spent listening to people who are actually running businesses, Stringer added.

"You hear it in their testimony — you see it in their faces," he said. "We are just grinding the small business community out of business, and we have got to do better."

Exactly what the comptroller, who operates as a sort of chief financial officer for the city, can do is unclear. But his office committed to use the testimony gathered in all five meetings to put up a series of recommendations on how the city can further alleviate unnecessary stressors on business owners.

"We are just grinding the small-business community out of business, and we have got to do better."
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Try a classic of Beijing street food at Mr. Bing

From his cheerfully orange Mr. Bing booth at UrbanSpace's Garment Street Holiday Market, Brian Goldberg is serving up something you've probably never even heard of before.

Jian bing is the culinary staple of university students in Beijing, where he studied abroad in 1998. The stuffed crepes, served out of street carts, begin with a savory dough made of green bean flour, somewhere between a pancake and a crepe in thickness. The batter is poured onto a crepe machine and sprinkled with sesame seeds and spring onions as it cooks. Inside, a sweet-ish "house sauce" and chili-based paste are brushed on before a hefty handful of cilantro and the "heart of the bing," thick slabs of crispy wonton skin, are added.

Prices range from $10 for the classic version — made from the same recipe Goldberg bought after taste-testing his way across the Chinese capital — to $14 for culture-crossing fillings like barbecue pulled pork, bacon and cheese, and Peking duck, the most popular flavor and a source of amusement for Goldberg: "It's ironic to put something luxurious like Peking duck, which is an expensive meat and kind of unique and kind of special, inside this cheap wrapper."

Mr. Bing's Beijing-style crepes
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Breaking with tradition — crepes are never sweet in China — there are also two dessert bings ($8) on the menu, made with Nutella (for the Europeans) or a peanut butter-condensed milk combo that is put on toast in Hong Kong, where the 38-year-old Columbia grad actually started Mr. Bing. After careers that included Olympic-level luge (2002), a page at 30 Rock, and trading stocks for a Taiwanese investment bank, he got reinspired by jian bing on a weekend trip to Beijing.

Mr. Bing was well received when it opened in Hong Kong in 2012, but "rookie mistakes" combined with the protests that shut down the city for months led him to close the store and move back to New York six months ago. Opening a store here was too expensive, but he liked the chance to develop the concept at UrbanSpace.

After the market closes on Dec. 24, Goldberg plans to keep Mr. Bing going through catering gigs and, eventually, a food truck — maybe even Anthony Bourdain's Asian street food-themed mega food hall. Until then, try it while you can. EVA KIS

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CAN THERE BE A LIBERAL ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF GUNS?

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My great-grandfather, Daniel Johnson, was a proud veteran and gun carrier.

He owned guns that were handed down by previous generations of sharecroppers that were once slaves across the Mason-Dixon line.

He passed away in his hometown of Marianna, Arkansas, in the Deep South, where I spent every summer as a child.

The guns were more than prized possessions. They were a responsibilty — as they would have been for any black man who legally owned a gun down there.

For decades, the Second Amendment didn't really apply to men who looked like my grandfather. Then and now, there is often a look of fear in the eyes of whites that sell a gun to blacks in America.

Marianna was no exception.

You might presume a gun owner from Arkansas — whatever his race — would be conservative, but my grandfather was a loyal Democrat who lived long enough to see our nation's first black president get elected.

Still, he never let go of those guns and now our family inherits them.

We are fairly liberal, but all the outcry for the total overhaul of gun possession leaves me conflicted — as is, I suspect, much of America.

Much of the rhetoric makes gun control a politicized issue that looks plainly partisan when in reality it's more complex than that.

Americans all throughout the nation — whether a Democrat or a Republican or from the West, or Northeast or South — have guns.

Throughout this cross-section our nation hunts and collects and goes to ranges and shoots skeet and does police work and obeys the law.

And the bad actors — those who use them to kill and rob — come from the full spectrum of political and regional ideologies as well.

That complicates matters.

It's not as simple to draw battle lines as with other controversial national issues, where there were clear divisions between the "yes" group and "no" group.

Guns are a completely different matter.

For example, the ACLU, a bastion of liberality whose purpose is to protect Constitutional rights, has no interest in protecting individual Second Amendment rights. Despite a Supreme Court ruling to the contrary, they maintain it is a "collective" right of the people, not a right of individuals to own guns.

And, as progressive as he has been on other issues, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is no proponent of strict gun control.

"I come from a state that has virtually no gun control and, thank God [knocks on wood], has a reasonably low crime rate," the Vermont senator said recently to Rolling Stone. "That is the culture of my state."

And that, for me, represents the often-ignored nuance in the gun policy debate.

I was born in Chicago, spent summers down South, and now live in Philly — places with different viewpoints on the subject. I've seen the spectrum of gun possession, good and bad.

And that's why consensus on national gun policy is hard to achieve; how people view guns is as varied as to how people culturally interact with one.

This simply isn't black and white, as it is often portrayed in the media. Just as much as it isn't a red and blue matter to divide down party lines.

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Surf's up with *Chris Hemsworth*

Chris Hemsworth, right, tries not to go down with the ship in "In the Heart of the Sea." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The "Thor" actor swears he didn't lose his lunch while filming "In the Heart of the Sea."

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Chris Hemsworth is Hollywood's go-to man's man — the hulk you call when you need someone to play "Thor," or send up his hypermasculinity in comedies like "Vacation" and the forthcoming "Ghostbusters" reboot. With "In the Heart of the Sea," he's called on to be even more macho than usual. Directed by Ron Howard, it tells the true story of the 1820 sinking of American whaling ship The Essex, which inspired Herman Melville to write "Moby Dick."

You don't get seasick, do you?

Seventy percent of the crew were throwing up that first week — like, solidly. I was lucky. I had taken all the seasick tablets we were told to take. But having been on the water most of my life — surfing, little bits of fishing — that probably prepared me for it. I just kept my eyes on the horizon, as they say, because I've been seasick before and it's the worst.

How about your balance when you're out at sea?

As good as I thought my balance was, you watch people who do it every day just Peter Pan their way about the place. They look like they are attached to wires, the way they leap and bound across things and then never stumble or wobble. There was a lot of faking going on the first few weeks — trying to look cool and steady when you've got the strongest grip on one part of the ship to keep you looking solid.

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Hunger games

How grueling was it playing someone who turns to cannibalism?

We were pretty damn hungry by the time we shot those scenes. [Laughs] The psychology behind that and that mind-set were things we talked about. At that point it's no longer about being hungry and satisfied; it's more about survival. Do you want to go home? Do you want to see your family? At what cost? Well, here it is. The bigger thing became about how do you deal with that when you come home and try to adjust back into a normal world and into society? If it meant seeing my kids again, then yeah.

We might like to think turning to cannibalism is something in the past. But the Uruguayan rugby team who crash-landed into a mountain — the story told in the film "Alive" — wasn't too long ago.

I remember watching that film at a very young age and thinking, "What would I do?" That's what I like about films and stories like that: they pose a question to you and you've got to think to yourself. It personalizes it.

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Getting personal with Monica

The Grammy winner is back with a brand new album, "Code Red," and as usual, she's calling all the shots.

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Monica's name may take you back to hits like "The Boy Is Mine" and "Don't Take It Personal" that dominated airwaves in the '90s, but the truth is, she never stopped working. The 35-year-old mom of three has been putting out albums consistently over the past decade, and her latest, "Code Red" (out Dec. 18), features more collaborations than ever.

Sonically, the album has the smooth R&B beats the singer has always been known for, but tracks produced by Timbaland and her cousin, Polow da Don, would feel right at home in the club. Missy Elliott, Lil Wayne and Akon also help amplify Monica's sultry vocals. Here the Grammy-award winning artist talks about growing up with no regrets and keeping her friends close.

Pre-teen dream

Monica was just 12 when she got signed, but she has no regrets. "I don't feel like anything was missed or taken away," she says. "I felt like I was living my dream." She says her mom always told her she could quit music whenever she wanted to and made sure she had a life outside the industry.

"That really gave me confidence to feel like if this ever becomes too much, I could walk away," she says.

Keeping her friends close

For her new album, Monica chose to collaborate with people who are not only chart-topping superstars, but who have known her for a long time, including Missy Elliott, who is featured on the album's title track. "Our friendship creates the music," Monica says. "That open forum of conversation allows for [us] to create personal songs."

Monica says the story behind her 2011 song "Still Gone" with Elliott is one of her favorite memories of their friendship. The singer was in the studio recording when a call from Elliott came in. The two got deep into a conversation, not realizing Monica's mic was still on. "Missy wanted to turn it into a song," Monica says. "She told me, so many people have felt this way. And she created 'Still Gone' from that."

Another friend, Lil Wayne, is featured on her song "Just Right For Me," and Monica says the video was filmed as his personal skate park. "He understands music on a lot of different levels," she says. "He's going to be remembered for many years to come, not just as a rapper, but as an artist."

Getting "Voice"-y

The "Code Red" tour is nonstop, and what little time Monica does have between shows, she spends with her husband, ex-Miami Heat basketball player Shannon Brown, and three kids, who are tagging along on the tour.

It hasn't given her much time to keep up with "The Voice," which she was a guest judge on in 2011, though Monica says she's a huge Gwen Stefani fan and is still a big supporter of the show.

"I love it because you don't get a chance to see the person. You really are just listening to the voice," she says. "That's what it should be about."

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Monica's new album, "Code Red," comes out Dec. 18. PROVIDED

Steve Carell is one of the familiar faces screaming about hedge funds in "The Big Short." PARAMOUNT PICTURES

"The Big Short"

Director: Adam McKay
Stars: Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling
Rating: R

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To the plebe who's bad at money, the hedge fund chatter that teems from every pore of "The Big Short" is "Finnegan's Wake"-level impenetrable. Based on Michael Lewis' bone-chilling bestseller, Adam McKay's seriocomic adaptation tries to explain to the layman the greedy, moronic forces that caused the 2008 economic catastrophe. It even stops a few times so that celebrities can break it down for us like we're stupid: Margot Robbie talks subprime loans in a bathtub, and Anthony Bourdain and Selena Gomez define CDOs and synthetic CDOs, respectively.

But most of the time it lets smart people talk (or more often shout) concentrated gobbledygook, motormouthing their way to the apocalypse. If you're often lost listening to its panicking money men — played by famous faces like Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Christian Bale and a shaggy Brad Pitt — then "The Big Short" is doing its job. It shows how a swarm of sociopaths created a rickety system that makes sense only to them, with Wall Street goons using meaningless jargon and acronyms to confuse their prey. At one point we meet two young brokers who giggle as they talk about peddling mortgages to poor people and immigrants who could never make their payments. "They're not confessing," observes one character. "They're bragging."

McKay — the mastermind of Will Ferrell's loopiest, ad lib-iest comedies, like "Anchorman" and "Step Brothers" — presents this both seriously and as a rollicking black comedy that has no interest in hiding its rage. If anything, though, it could be even more scathing (and funny). This same material done in the gonzo manner of McKay's "Talladega Nights" wouldn't have trivialized a genuinely worrisome subject. In fact, it might have made it even more devastating.
MATT PRIGGE

"In the Heart of the Sea"

Director: Ron Howard
Stars: Chris Hemsworth, Cillian Murphy
Rating: PG-13

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"In the Heart of the Sea" has whale attacks and sinking ships and men chowing down on men. But those are mere attention-nabbing distractions, especially compared to the literary classic this true tall tale inspired: Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick." If "Sea" is one of those tiresome reminders of the real, not-as-interesting stories behind the myth, then at least it isn't one of those wan twists on immortal classics, a la "Pan" and "Victor Frankenstein."

Our hero is Owen Chase, played by Chris Hemsworth, the manly-manliest actor in cinema today. Owen is the first mate on the Essex, which has a massive quota of whale oil to fill, and when booty proves elusive, they head after a notorious mammal known for taking out ships. This doesn't go swimmingly.

Even with a third act segue into cannibalism, "Sea" goes tastefully PG-13, resorting to telling, not showing. It's too much of a Ron Howard movie, which means it's defiantly cornball even when things turn grim. And it's very 2015 in another way: It's not above falling back on slipshod CGI when it doesn't want to get too real. Still, at least there's Hemsworth, all old-school brawn and barked dialogue. He's often able to save the film with pure muscle. **MP**

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Starlin Castro gives the Yankees the second baseman they've been looking for. GETTY IMAGES

Yanks may have hit a grand slam with Castro trade

The young second baseman could blossom into an even bigger star in New York.

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There's already been a flurry of activity at the MLB Winter Meetings in Nashville this week, but Yankees GM Brian Cashman may have pulled off the shrewdest move of all.

Starlin Castro, a three-time All-Star at age 25, will be the Yankees' new second baseman, and all it took to get him was righty Adam Warren and a player to be named later (reports say it's 33-year-old backup infielder Brendan Ryan).

Castro had been pinched out of a starting spot with the Cubs, with Addison Russell taking over at shortstop during the season and Ben Zobrist signing this week to fill second base. Castro had been the subject of trade rumors for quite a while, and the Yankees were one of the teams pursuing him.

"We looked at him near the trading deadline last July," Cashman said. "We couldn't get anything done [when] … the Cubs moved him over to second base. He proved that was a really good setup for him."

Castro is a career .281 hitter who's averaged 11 home runs and 66 RBIs in six seasons in the majors. He's also been durable, logging an average of 150 games a season. Castro represents a significant upgrade at second base over 2014 starter Stephen Drew, who did slug 17 home runs but struggled to hit .200. Dustin Ackley and Rob Refsnyder were slated to platoon at second base this season, but a golden opportunity came up for Cashman.

"We talked to the Cubs early, and we hashed out different ideas we had," Cashman said. "This is the one … we settled on."

Cashman continued, "We are excited on our end to get Castro. We think he will be an above-average defender at second base. He has a quality stick. He can play all the positions, giving us a lot of versatility, and hopefully performance."

The Castro trade is another example of how the Yankees are rebuilding on the fly, acquiring young, high-quality players while staying in contention.

"We can't rebuild here," Yankees team president Randy Levine told Newsday, "That's not what we're about. We're trying to win every year and we're trying to get younger and transition."

The Bombers may have shored up their starting nine, but they did get a little weaker pitching-wise by sending Warren to Chicago. He had been a serviceable starter when called upon due to the injuries of others, and gave the Yankees quality innings in relief. With left-handed reliever Justin Wilson departing for Detroit in a separate trade, Cashman will have to do something to strengthen either his bullpen or rotation to assure that the Yankees will contend this season.

Titans vs. Jets: What to watch for

The Jets need to take care of business at MetLife on Sunday.

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Back from the abyss, the New York Jets (7-5) are once again a playoff team, now riding a two-game winning streak. It is the team's first two-game win streak since the season's first two games.

Two more wins in the final month might let them sneak in, but there are tiebreakers in place with the Houston Texans and the Oakland Raiders that work against them. Three wins though would be a huge boost if this Jets team wants to return to the playoffs for the first time since 2010.

And a win on Sunday (1 p.m., CBS) against the Tennessee Titans would ensure first-year head coach Todd Bowles that his squad won't have a losing record this year. It also would double the team's win total from the previous year, this with three games left to play.

1 MORE FITZMAGIC?

Since trimming his beard two weeks ago, the Jets are not only undefeated but their quarterback looks like Roger Staubach out there. Ryan Fitzpatrick has thrown for 667 yards in those two games and has six touchdowns. Most impressive, he doesn't have an interception in the stretch. Fitzpatrick continues to work his magic, systematically moving the ball down the field. And with that overtime comeback win last week over the Giants, the offense has great confidence in their leader.

This is Fitzpatrick's first two-game stretch this season where he hasn't thrown an interception.

2 IT'S NEVER EASY

The Titans have one of the league's better pass defenses, No. 9 overall. They are aggressive and break to the ball well. What is concerning from their perspective is that they don't have a ton interceptions and their run defense is very average. Look for the Jets to try and run early in this game, forcing the Titans to move their safeties into the box. Then Fitzpatrick can utilize the play-action and out patterns to get the ball quickly down the field.

Last week in a win over the Jaguars, the Titans let quarterback Blake Bortles throw for over 300 yards and five touchdowns. So they are susceptible down the field.

Ryan Fitzpatrick hasn't thrown a pick in the last two weeks. GETTY IMAGES

3 YOUNG GUN

The Titans have their own burgeoning quarterback prospect, Marcus Mariota. Last week, the second overall pick in this spring's NFL draft threw for 268 yards, completing 20-of-29 passes. He had three touchdowns in the win. Mariota still has a lot of transition to make from Oregon's wacky, pass-friendly spread offense. But he's making smart decisions and is growing with the early returns — showing that he's the best quarterback of this draft class. His mechanics have also been solid even as he has had to adjust and grow now to a pro-style offense.

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COUNTY OF QUEENS

Index No. 155/2015
Date Summons Filed: 1-07-15

GLADYS E HUAMAN
Plaintiff

Plaintiff designates Queens County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is CPLR Sec.509.

against-

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
Plaintiff resides at 35-34 84th Street D-7, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

DAVID BENGOA ESPINOZA
Defendant,

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the state of New York) and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: January 7, 2015

Maria Temilda Gonzalez, Esq.,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
76-01 Roosevelt Avenue, 2nd FL,
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NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: DRL Section 170 subd. (7)- The relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

The relief sought is a judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary or additional relief demanded is:

That the Family Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Supreme Court with respect to any future issues of maintenance and support.

That either party may resume the use of a prior surname.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and Proper.

The parties have divided the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

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(Form UD-1-10/10)

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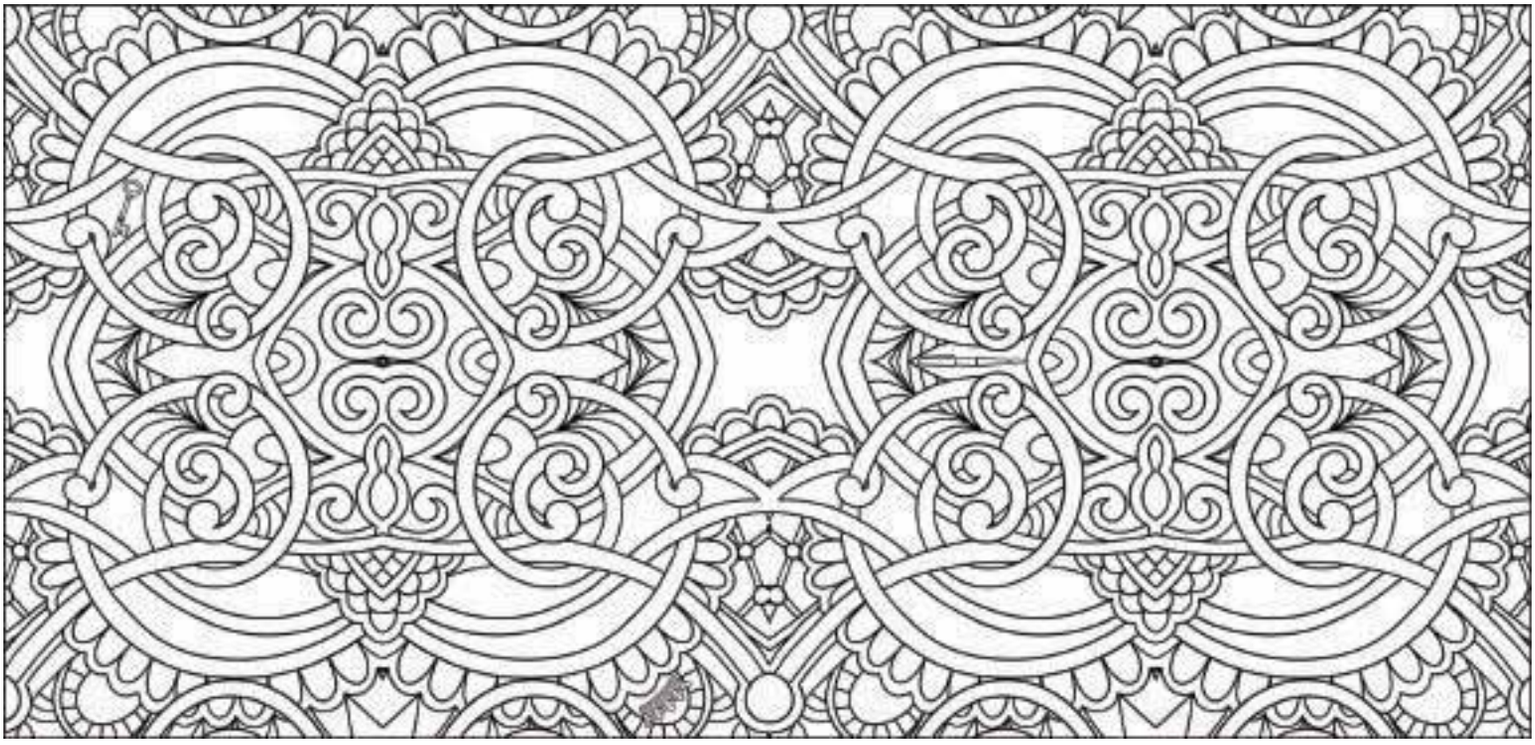

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5 Cellar, briefly
9 Wind resistance
13 Caesar's garb
14 Polished off (2 wds.)
16 Country cousin
17 Slugger Moises —
18 Full of flavor
19 Shaman's finding
20 "Bonanza" brother
21 Long sigh
22 Rumple
24 Bede of fiction
26 Thick carpeting
27 Drive-in order
30 Socks and shirts
34 Wan
35 Rather you — me
36 Cat's-paw
37 Help the merchant
38 Jedi allies
39 Tijuana aunt
40 Humorist — Bombeck
42 Tarzan's transport
43 Ascertain
45 Kind of bee
47 Ordered around
48 —-de-camp
49 Elvis swiveled them
50 Digress
53 Large green parrot
54 Relieve tension
58 Kind of rug
59 Hits dead-center
61 Soir follower
62 Thin coating
63 Kind of role
64 Druid
65 Hooray for me! (hyph.)
66 Many August people
67 "Mack the Knife" singer

Down

1 Four Corners state
2 Recital piece
3 They're often inflated
4 Bacon alternative
5 Rummage sale
6 Mirror fogger
7 Chicken wire
8 Noted mummy
9 Crop threatener
10 Cuba exports
11 I.W. or Walter
12 Kind of pool
15 Jungle crushers
23 Feedbag tidbit
25 Bear's refuge
26 Allay, as thirst
27 Naive ones
28 Seize power
29 Limerick, e.g.
30 Cheech's partner
31 Specks
32 Bete --
33 Adrenal, for one
35 Strong cord
38 Obvious
41 The Crimson Tide
43 Prune
44 Soul
46 Mae West role
47 Slants
49 Phone response
50 Ride the rapids
51 Opera tune
52 Canasta play
53 Franklin's flier
55 "The Mammoth Hunters" uthor
56 Housecat's perch
57 Jazzy -- James
60 Feel crummy

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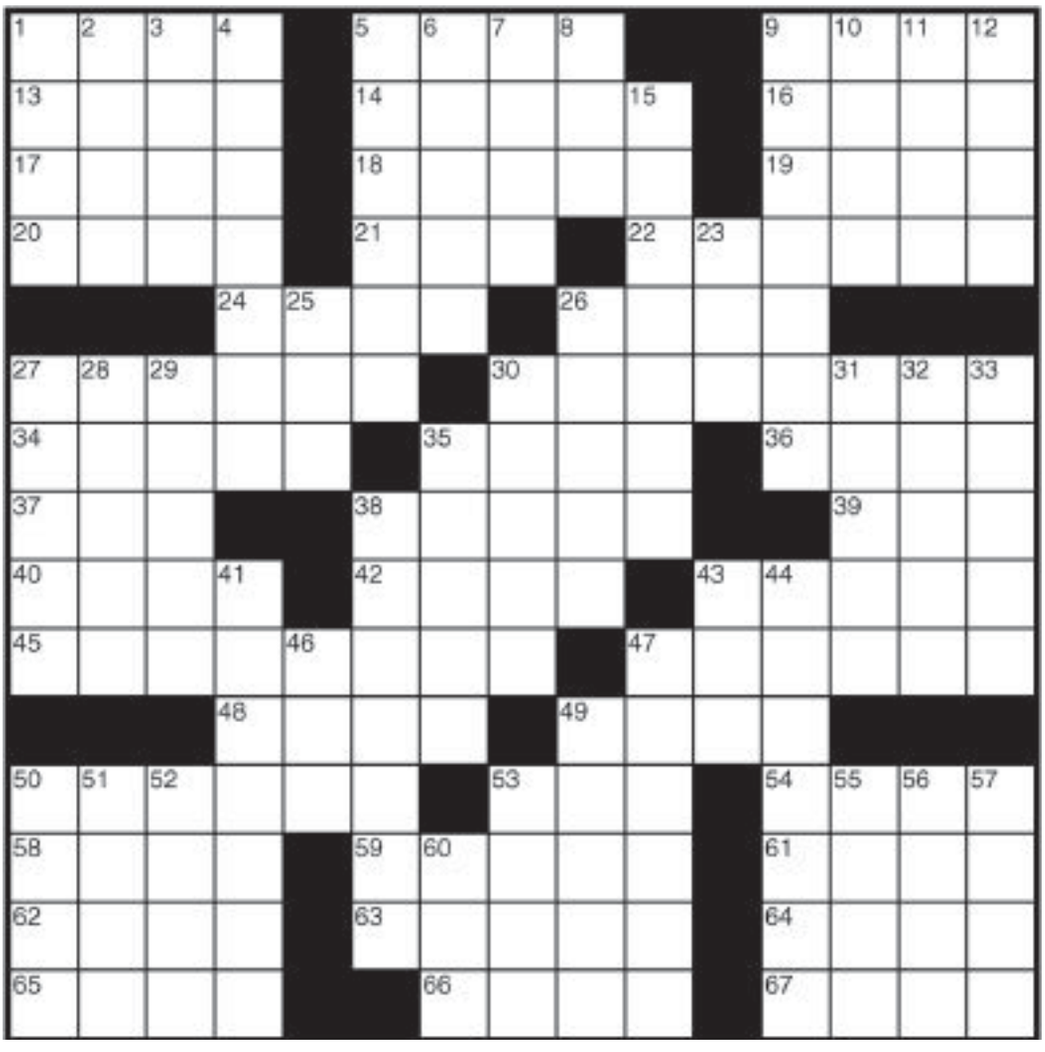

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Aries Taking a trip or signing up for a retreat, educational course or anything that will broaden your outlook will lead to a positive change.

Taurus Take a close look at your situation. As long as you take a practical approach, success will follow. Romance is encouraged.

Gemini A make-it-or-break-it situation will arise between you and someone you have shared personal information with. Be careful what you say.

Cancer Speak out about how you see things unfolding. Your progressive action will attract attention and enhance a personal relationship.

Leo Your go-getting attitude will inspire those around you to pitch in and help. Plan a small trip with a special someone.

Virgo Keeping a steady, consistent attitude will help you cope with the unpredictable nature of those around you.

Libra You are best off keeping moving until you are satisfied that you have everything in its place. Idle time will lead to conflicts.

Scorpio Engage in activities and events that encourage you to try new things, and gain depth through the experience you encounter.

Sagittarius Keep everyone guessing until you are fully prepared. Finishing things should be your concern, with discipline helping you.

Capricorn If you want to share, do so in an expressive manner. It's how you present what you believe or do that will capture your audience.

Aquarius Look for the best way to bring about positive change, and make it happen. Don't exhaust yourself because you are too proud to ask for help.

Pisces Ensure that all your papers are in order. Love is highlighted, and money or a gift will come to you from an unexpected source. **EUGENIA LAST**

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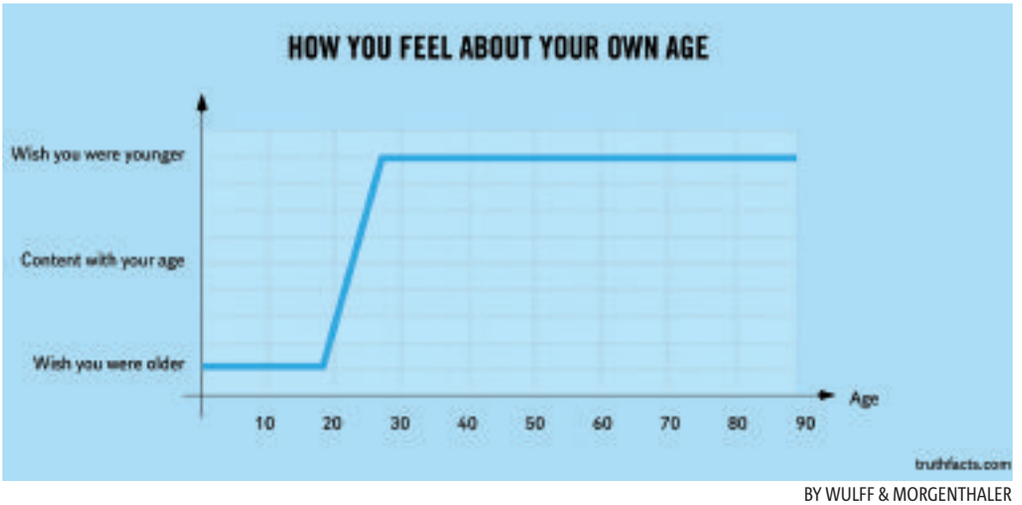

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